

CHECKLIST FOR COMPARING PLASTIC SURGEONS



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SURGEON'S CREDENTIALS — Know Before You Go (Check if YES)

- Is the surgeon certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS)?
- Does the surgeon have hospital privileges?
- Is the surgeon a member of the American Society Aesthetic Plastic Surgery?
- Does the surgeon have generally positive patient testimonials and reviews?
- Does this surgeon stay current with advanced techniques?

SURGEON'S EXPERIENCE IN THE PROCEDURE YOU WANT (Check if YES)

- Does the surgeon have experience in the procedure you are considering?
- How many times have they performed this procedure?
- Do the surgeon's results for the procedure you want appeal to you personally?
- Has the surgeon performed procedures on patients with similar concerns?
- Are the surgeon's results consistent from patient to patient?

YOUR EMOTIONAL CONNECTION WITH THE SURGEON (Check if YES)

- Do I like spending time with this surgeon?
- Do I feel like I can trust this surgeon to recommend what's safe and right for me?
- Do I feel comfortable asking the surgeon any questions I might have throughout the process?
- Do I feel comfortable disclosing my full medical history and habits to this surgeon?

OFFICE STAFF AND CUSTOMER SERVICE (Check if YES)

- Is the staff friendly and helpful?
- Was the wait time reasonable?
- Do I get helpful materials that fully prepare me for the risks and realities of surgical procedure and recovery?
- Are fees all-inclusive and clearly stated?
- When I contact the practice, do I receive a prompt reply?
- Will I receive post op written instructions?
- Is follow-up care after the surgery included?
- Will I see my surgeon for my post op visit?

SAFETY AND THE OPERATING FACILITY (Check if YES)

- Is the surgical facility AAAASF, AAAHC JCAHO or IMQ accredited?
- Is anesthesia administered by Board Certified Anesthesiologist or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist?
- After my surgery, will there be an RN or MD available on call 24/7?